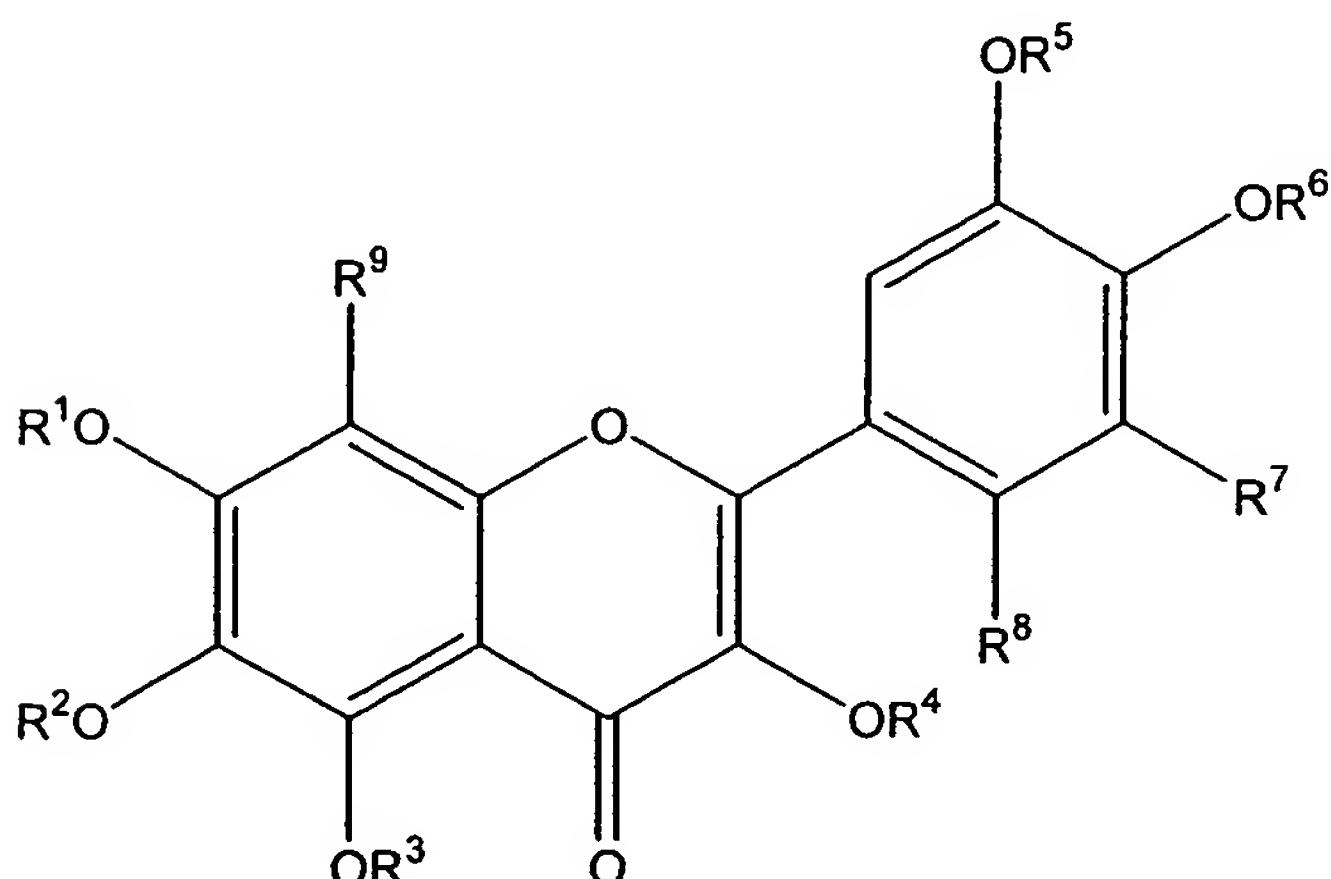


Claims

1. An external preparation for skin, comprising a compound represented by the following general formula (1) and/or salt thereof and 4-n-butyl resorcinol and/or a salt thereof.



General Formula (I)

(In the formula, R¹, R², R³, R⁴, R⁵, and R⁶ each independently represent a hydrogen atom or an alkyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms, and R⁷, R⁸, and R⁹ each independently represent a hydrogen atom, a hydroxyl group, or an alkyloxy group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms.)

2. The external preparation for skin according to claim 1, wherein the compound represented by the general formula (I) is one or two or more selected from 5,7-dihydroxy-3,6-dimethoxy-2-(5-hydroxy-4-methoxyphenyl)-4H-1-benzopyran-4-one, 5,7-dihydroxy-3,6,8-trimethoxy-2-(3,4,5-trihydroxyphenyl)-4H-1-benzopyran-4-one, 3,5-diethoxy-6,7-dimethoxy-2-(5-ethoxy-4-methoxyphenyl)-4H-1-

benzopyran-4-one, and
5,6-dihydroxy-3,7-dimethoxy-2-(5-hydroxy-2,4-dimethoxyphenyl)-
4H-1-benzopyran-4-one.

3. The external preparation for skin according to claim 1 or 2, wherein a source of the compound represented by the general formula (1) and/or salt thereof is an extract of a plant of the genus Achillea sp. of the family Compositae or the genus Centaurea sp. of the family Compositae.

4. The external preparation for skin according to claim 3, wherein the plant of the genus Achillea sp. of the family Compositae is selected from Achillea ageratum, Achillea cartilaginea, Achillea clavennae, Achillea filipendula, Achillea millefolium, Achillea nana, Achillea ptarmica, and Achillea tomentosa, and the plant of the genus Centaurea sp. of the family Compositae is Centaurea cyanus.

5. The external preparation for skin according to any one of claims 1 to 4, wherein a concentration of the compound represented by the general formula (1) and/or salt thereof is 0.1 mM or higher.

6. The external preparation for skin according to any one of claims 1 to 4, wherein a content of the compound represented by the general formula (1) and/or salt thereof is 0.035% by mass or higher.

7. The external preparation for skin according to any one of claims 1 to 6, wherein a content of 4-n-butyl resorcinol and/or the salt thereof is in a range of 0.05 to 5% by mass.

8. The external preparation for skin according to any one of claims 1 to 7, wherein the external preparation for skin is a whitening cosmetic.

9. The external preparation for skin according to claim 8, wherein the external preparation for skin is a lightening cosmetic.